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**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2014 12:48 PM  
**To:** McCoy, Melinda  
**Cc:** Amanda Vincent; Steph Braden; Cook, Robert; Crocker, Philip  
**Subject:** RE: Dissolved oxygen criteria revisions in eastern LMRAP draft rule and supporting documents

Thank you, Melinda, for the comments. I will check with everyone over here and get back with you, before you are out of the office for the holidays, on a date/time for an informal call in January.

We appreciate the timely turn-around time on your review of the eLMRAP draft rule and supporting documents.

Thanks again,  
Sandy

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**From:** McCoy, Melinda [mailto:McCoy.Melinda@epa.gov]  
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**To:** Sandy Stephens  
**Cc:** Amanda Vincent; Steph Braden; Cook, Robert; Crocker, Philip  
**Subject:** RE: Dissolved oxygen criteria revisions in eastern LMRAP draft rule and supporting documents

Hi Sandy,

Thank you very much for sharing the draft rule and supporting documents for the DO criteria and subsegment revisions in the eastern LMRAP. Also, thank you for preparing the response to EPA's comment in the earlier Nov 2013 letter, which was very helpful. I appreciated having the past month to get acquainted with this body of work and draft rule. We only had two comments on the draft rule, provided in the Adobe attachment above.

We also had a few technical questions following up on the topic of applying the criteria to tidally-influenced streams. As noted in the attachment, we only pose these questions to further our general understanding of how LDEQ considered this topic in its evaluation; our questions are not intended to express a position one way or the other on the topic. Perhaps we could find some time during the week of Jan 5<sup>th</sup> for an informal call to discuss further? (I'll be out of the office from Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> and suppose others will be out for the holidays too.) Please let me know if there's a date/time in Jan that would work for y'all, and I'll be happy to set up the meeting invite and get a call-in number.

Thank you again, and wishing y'all happy holidays!  
Melinda

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**Cc:** Amanda Vincent; Steph Braden  
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Hi Melinda,

A month from today will work. If you need more time just let us know.

Thanks again,  
Sandy

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**To:** Sandy Stephens  
**Cc:** Amanda Vincent; Steph Braden  
**Subject:** RE: Dissolved oxygen criteria revisions in eastern LMRAP draft rule and supporting documents

Hi Sandy,

Thank you very much for sharing this early draft of the LMRAP draft rule w/supporting documents. Amanda recently spoke with me to give me a heads up that this would be coming. I believe she asked us (EPA) to complete our review and provide any feedback by mid-December. Would one month from today (December 18<sup>th</sup>) work okay insofar as a deadline for me getting back to you?

Since we provided a technical review of a previous draft of the UAA, I don't anticipate any issues. Being new to the WQS role for LA, however, I would appreciate the full month to get acquainted with the draft rule, supporting docs. Thank you for the offer for a conference call. I will definitely let you know if I think it will be helpful.

Thanks so much!!  
Melinda

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**To:** McCoy, Melinda

**Cc:** Amanda Vincent; Steph Braden

**Subject:** Dissolved oxygen criteria revisions in eastern LMRAP draft rule and supporting documents

Good afternoon Melinda,

As you know, LDEQ is preparing to move forward with rulemaking for dissolved oxygen criteria revisions in the eastern Lower Mississippi River Alluvial Plains (LMRAP) Ecoregion, by sending the draft rule (WQ091) to the Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office in January. Tentatively, the rule can then be proposed on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, a public hearing held on Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>, with the comment period ending on Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>. For your consideration, I have attached the signed Request to Initiate Rulemaking Activity (RIRA) form, a draft of WQ091, and the Eastern LMRAP UAA. Also attached are technical support documents that accompany the proposed revisions. These include the Louisiana Water Quality Standards Ecoregions: For Use in Ecologically-Driven Water Quality Standards, an Explanation of Subsegment Revisions in LMRAP, SPTF, and CDM Ecoregions, and revisions to Volume 4 of the Water Quality Management Plan (including Appendix A). A potpourri notice will run in the same issue of the *Louisiana Register* as the proposed rule to announce that procedures have been initiated to amend Volume 4 of the Water Quality Management Plan.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to call me at 225-219-3218, or I can set up a conference call if that would be more convenient.

Thanks,

*Sandy Stephens*

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